

Appl. No. : 10/007,003  
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## II. REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 3, 2006 has been received and reviewed. By way of summary, Claims 1-12, 43, and 59-61 were previously pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the application as follows:

- I. Claims 1-12 and 43, which the Examiner characterized as "drawn to distributed data processing, classified in class 707, subclass 10;" and
- II. Claims 59-61, which the Examiner characterized as "drawn to storing data for maintenance, classified in class 707, subclass 200."

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's restriction as well as the Examiner's characterization of the claims. However, in an effort to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants hereby elect Group I, without traverse. Applicants have canceled Claims 59-61 without prejudice or disclaimer and have proceeded with Claims 1-12 and 43 for prosecution on the merits without prejudice to canceled Claims 59-61. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any non-elected claims in one or more divisional or continuation applications.

In addition, Applicants have amended Claim 9 to clarify that it depends from Claim 1. Claims 1-8, 10-12, and 43 remain as previously presented.

Applicants have endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants specifically request consideration of Claims 1-12 and 43 and respectfully request the Examiner to pass Claims 1-12 and 43 to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned directly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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